

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

February 19, 2002  
5:30 p.m.

*Minutes*



*The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.*

*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance with Mayor Young were Councilmember Stephen Bricker, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Maureen Palecek, Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman. Councilmember Dave King was absent. Staff attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher (arrived after roll call), Interim Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, City Attorney James Dionne, and City Clerk Gayle Butcher.

**Agenda Items**

Deputy Mayor Swatman requested a re-arrangement of this evening's agenda items, and Council concurred. In the future the workshop agendas will have old business first and new business items second. He also requested smaller workshop agendas.

1. Character Council Presentation

Mr. Steve Walsh and members of the Character Council gave a short presentation on the City of Character Program, and each member of the City Council and Mayor Young were presented with a booklet and identified with a character quality trait.

2. Open Discussion

Motion by Councilmember Palecek, second by Councilmember Bricker, to move the Countywide policy resolutions to the end of the agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Councilmember Rackley requested that one additional member of the Council attend the Joint Advisory Committee for the Sewer upgrade.

Council consensus reached that Councilmember Bricker would also attend Advisory Committee meetings.

Council conducted a brief discussion related to water and Council consensus reached to form an ad hoc committee consisting of Councilmember Rackley, Councilmember Bricker, and Councilmember Palecek and staff.

Councilmember Palecek requested that all agenda/minute references to Dan Swatman show his Deputy Mayor title.

Councilmember DeLeo noted that at the March 2 Budget Workshop, he was going to discuss the possibility of a City Administrator position.

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Deputy Mayor Swatman introduced Marilee Hill-Anderson who invited all persons to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonney Lake/Sumner Area Community summit to be held Thursday, March 14, 2002.

3. Draft Minutes: Joint Council/Planning Agency 1/29/02, February 11, 2002

There were no amendments to the draft minutes.

4. Inlet Island Zoning Notice (from 2/11/02 meeting)

A discussion was held related to the 1999 notification of the proposed zoning amendment and property line placements. City Attorney Dionne noted he would review the survey, Hearing Examiner Findings, posting and notifications and discuss the matter with the neighbors' legal counsel. City Attorney Dionne noted the civil matters that could be taken.

5. Water Leak Request (from 2/11/02 meeting)

A brief discussion was held related to the timeline of the leak and type of water line connections. City Attorney Dionne noted staff is reviewing the matter and the issue is the responsibility of administration to resolve.

6. City Hall Options/Public Testimony (from 2/5/02 and 2/11/02 meetings)

Interim Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy presented an outline and the need for some kind of solution to proceed. Councilmember Bricker suggested an ad hoc committee to discuss options of finishing the lower level of the Public Safety Building, possible property purchase, and long-range City Hall needs.

Consensus reached that the ad hoc committee would consist of Deputy Mayor Swatman, Councilmembers Bricker and Palecek, Mayor Young, Interim Planning & Community Development Director Leedy and Finance Director Weidenfeller.

7. Driftwood Drive Water Main Projected (from 2/11/02 meeting)

Public Works Director Boettcher explained the funding proposal and the need for repairing the leak on Driftwood Drive.

8. Deferred Compensation Benefits for Police Chief and Police Lt. (from 2/11/02 meeting)

After a brief discussion, Council consensus was reached that the Finance Committee would review deferred compensation benefits.

9. Discussion of job postings for the Accounting Assistant Union 13 position and Purchasing Coordinator Non-Union Range 8 and the application process for each position. (1/15 Council request) (Tabled from 2/5/02 workshop)

Finance Director Weidenfeller distributed a memo to Councilmembers. During a lengthy discussion of the issue, Council consensus reached that all position openings are to be posted. City Attorney James Dionne noted that the purchasing coordinator position was not a position

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vacancy because it was actually a re-classification. Finance Director Weidenfeller would draft an ordinance related to position openings.

Finance Director Weidenfeller also noted that this situation has caused turmoil and personnel problems with the Union, and that if any Council member wanted to meet with him, his door was open. Councilmember Rackley also requested that something should be drafted for Council's review on how positions are re-evaluated.

Mayor Young called for a recess at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Young reconvened the workshop at 7:19 p.m.

10. Elected Officials Benefits (Tabled 2/5/02 workshop)

A brief discussion on benefits available to elected officials was conducted. Council members may participate in deferred compensation. Mayor Young noted the Legislature authorized a citizen committee to review and recommend Council salaries and benefits. Finance Director Weidenfeller presented information on benefits provided to city employees.

11. Speed Bumps (Tabled 2/5 & 1/15)

Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed concern that staff seemed reluctant to discuss traffic calming devices and solutions to citizen concerns related to speeding. Council discussed police staffing levels and how speed bumps impact public safety departments. The issue is to be further reviewed at the Public Safety Committee.

Council consensus reached that Councilmember DeLeo would be a member of the Public Safety Committee meeting.

12. Microflex Contract (Tabled 2/5 & 1/15)

A briefing on how the Microflex contract assists the City was held.

13. Discuss Dale Fonk Latecomer Agreement (Tabled 2/5/02 Workshop)

A lengthy discussion was held related to the latecomer agreement process for sewer development and how each property benefits from the sewer main connection. Public Works Director Boettcher explained the various connection fees. He noted this sewer latecomer agreement only impacts a few nearby residential lots; i.e., it does not provide sewer for Cedarview. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted this latecomer agreement is different in that this agreement benefits the commercial development greater than residential development. The \$2,000 latecomer fee would be paid when the residents hooked up or when they sold their home (in addition to the connection fee). Councilmember Rackley believes the latecomer fee is a benefit to the residents. Councilmember Bricker believes if the residents' septic system fails, sewer is now available to them, and that is a benefit. Mayor Young asked Council whether residents should be exempt from the latecomer fee. Majority consensus of the Council was to exempt the residents.

City Attorney James Dionne would make modifications to the agreement with Public Works Director Boettcher re-distributing costs and the agreement would be brought before Council at a later date.

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Motion by Councilmember Bricker, second by Deputy Mayor Swatman, to table all the Countywide Pierce County resolutions (947, 948, 949, 950, and 951) to another workshop.

Councilmember DeLeo expressed concern that the County is scheduled to adopt these policies on March 22 so he believes there is a timeline to be met; Councilmember Rackley concurred.

Interim Planning & Community Development Director Leedy explained the 2-year review process and that the County is required to secure 60% participation from the jurisdictions. He noted that City staff sits in on the committee process and none of the proposals have a detrimental effect on the City of Bonney Lake, and there is no impact on the Planning Agency review because it is strictly a Council policy review. Councilmember Bricker requested further discussion for greater understanding as to why the Council is being asked to adopt these policies if there is no impact to the City.

Motion to Table Carried 6-1 with Councilmember DeLeo voting no.

14. Executive Session – To discuss potential real estate transaction

Mayor Young called for an Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss potential real estate transaction.

Workshop was reconvened at 8:20 p.m., with no action being taken.

Motion by Councilmember Rackley, second by Councilmember Bricker, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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Bob Young, Mayor

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Gayle Butcher, City Clerk